

Mitigation of N₂O and CH₄ Emissions from Corn Field using Urea Granulated with Nitrification Inhibitors and Zeolite

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Abstract

Agriculture accounted considerably to the greenhouse gases emission such as N₂O and CH₄. The aim of study is assessing reduction of N₂O and CH₄ emissions from corn field fertilized with urea granulated nitrification inhibitor namely dicyandiamide (DCD) and neem (N) and zeolite as slow release media. The results show that nitrification inhibitors and zeolite is reducing both N₂O and CH₄ emissions from corn field fertilized. We observed that the application of urea (U) with dicyandiamide (UD), U with zeolite (UZ), U with neem (UN), U with zeolite+neem (UZN), and U with zeolite+ DCD decreased the N₂O emissions by 86.73%, 59.65%, 16.38%, 66.85%, and 81.94%, respectively. Therefore, larger reduction of N₂O emission in corn field was applied by UD. However, applying UD in field seems enhance CH₄ emission 0.95 kg CH₄-C ha⁻¹ season⁻¹ compared to other treatments. The observations should be further being tested to an integrated abatement of agricultural nitrogen as well as carbon losses.

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